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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Minimum Support Price exist for procurement of many of the agricultural products seasonal fruits like mangoes, oranges, melons etc.;

(b) if so, whether this scheme is being implemented effectively to the benefit of farmers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken for its proper implementation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): The Government fixes Minimum Support Prices for 25 agricultural products. MSPs for fruits like mangoes, oranges, melons etc. are not fixed. However, Government implements Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) on the request of a State/UT Government for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities, generally perishable in nature and not covered under the Price Support Scheme.The MIS is implemented in order to protect the growers of these commodities from making distress sale in the event of bumper crop when the prices tend to fall below the economic level/cost of production.